## 2006 Proposed and Final Federal Commercial and Recreational Management Measures

### SPECIES

- **Bluefish**
- **Spiny Dogfish**
- **Summer Flounder (Fluke)**
- **Scup**
- **Black Sea Bass**
- **Illex Squid**
- **Loligo Squid**
- **Tilefish**
- **Surfclam**
- **Ocean Quahog**
- **Butterfish**
- **Mackerel**
- **Summer Flounder**
- **Tilapia**
- **Scup**
- **Atlantic Mackerel**
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### CONTACT INFORMATION

- **NOAA Federal Fishing Violations Hotline**
  - 800-853-1964

- **NOAA Fisheries National Website**
  - http://www.noaa.gov/fisheries.html

- **NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office**
  - 202-679-2331

- **NOAA Fisheries Northeast Permits**
  - 978-281-9370

- **NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regulations**

- **NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office**
  - 727-824-5326

- **NOAA Fisheries Southeast Permits**
  - 727-824-5326

- **NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regulations**
  - http://www.safmc.net/regs

### SPECIES HARVEST LIMIT* (Million pounds or Metric Tons)

- **Summer Flounder (Fluke)**: 9.43
- **Scup**: 4.19
- **Black Sea Bass**: 4.08
- **Atlantic Mackerel**: 16.718

### FISHING SEASON

- **Bluefish**: State specific, Jan. 1-Feb. 28 and Sep. 18-Nov. 30
- **Spiny Dogfish**: State specific, Jan. 1-December 31
- **Summer Flounder**: Jan. 1-December 31
- **Scup**: 10" total length
- **Black Sea Bass**: 12" total length
- **Illex Squid**: None
- **Loligo Squid**: None

### RESEARCH SET-ASIDE

- **Bluefish**: 363,677 pounds
- **Spiny Dogfish**: 355,762 pounds
- **Summer Flounder**: 184,690 pounds
- **Scup**: 178,956 pounds

### NOTE:

- Harvest limits are not adjusted for research set-aside.

### CONTACT INFORMATION (Continued)

- **New York**: 631-444-0420
- **Pennsylvania**: (717) 705-1790
- **New Jersey**: (609) 292-7794
- **Maryland**: (800) 588-3467
- **Delaware**: (302) 739-9918
- **Virginia**: (757) 247-2248
- **North Carolina**: (252) 726-7021

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### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

**2006 Proposed (P) and Final (F) Federal Commercial Management Measures**

NOTE: This table is a summary of proposed and final federal regulations and should be used only as a guide

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<td>(F) Summer Flounder</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>14.15 million pounds</td>
<td>14”</td>
<td>5.5” minimum diamond mesh 6” minimum square mesh</td>
<td>355,762 pounds</td>
<td>State-by-state quotas.</td>
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<td>(F) Scup</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>12.08 million pounds</td>
<td>9”</td>
<td>5.0” minimum diamond mesh</td>
<td>184,690 pounds</td>
<td>TRIMESTER QUOTAS &amp; TRIP LIMITS: Winter I: January-April - 30,000 pounds per trip reduced to 1,000 pounds when 80% of the quota is projected to be taken; Winter II: 2,000 pounds per trip.</td>
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<td>(F) Black Sea Bass</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>3.92 million pounds</td>
<td>11”</td>
<td>4.5” minimum diamond mesh.</td>
<td>178,956 pounds</td>
<td>State-by-state quotas.</td>
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<td>(P) Spiny Dogfish</td>
<td>May 1-April 30</td>
<td>2.0 million pounds</td>
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<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>QUARTERLY QUOTAS: Quarter I: Jan.-Mar. - 5,607 mt (33.23%); Quarter II: Apr.-Jun. - 2,971 mt (17.61%); Quarter III: Jul.-Sep. - 2,919 mt (17.3%); Quarter IV: Oct.-Dec. - 5,375 mt (31.86%) When 80% of the directed fishery in Quarters I-III is taken, vessels are restricted to a 2,500 pound trip limit for the remainder of the quarter. When 95% of the annual quota is taken, the directed fishery will be closed and a 2,500 pound trip limit will be in effect for the remainder of the fishing year.</td>
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<td>(F) Long-finned Squid (Loligo)</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>Max OY - 36,000 mt</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>1.875” minimum diamond mesh</td>
<td>127.5 mt</td>
<td>The directed fishery for <em>Illex</em> will remain open until 95% of ABC is taken (22,800 mt). When this landing level is reached, the directed fishery will be closed and a 10,000 pound trip limit will be imposed for the remainder of the fishing year. Non-moratorium vessels may retain up to 10,000 pounds per trip when the directed fishery is open.</td>
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<td>(F) Short-finned Squid (Illex)</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>Max OY, ABC, IOY, DAH, DAP - 24,000 mt</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>IOY may be increased during the year, but the total ABC will not exceed 335,000 mt.</td>
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<td>(F) Atlantic Mackerel</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>ABC - 335,000 mt</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
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<td>(F) Butterfish</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>Max OY - 12,175 mt</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>3” minimum diamond mesh if in possession of 5,000 pounds or more of butterfish</td>
<td>none</td>
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<td>(F) Surfclams</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>3.40 million bushels</td>
<td>suspended</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ)</td>
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<td>(F) Ocean Quahog</td>
<td>January 1-December 31</td>
<td>5.333 million bushels</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>Individual Transferrable Quotas (ITQ); Maine Ocean Quahog Quota - 100,000 Maine bushels</td>
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<td>(F) Tilefish</td>
<td>November 1-October 31</td>
<td>1.995 million pounds</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>none</td>
<td>5% of the total quota is allocated to incidental take and the remaining 95% of the adjusted quota is allocated as follows: Full-Time Tier 1 Permit-66%; Full-Time Tier 2 Permit-15%; Part-Time Permit-15%.</td>
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